

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez (CA-47) yesterday voted against a bill offered by Republicans to terminate a crucial program that helps communities to rebuild neighborhoods and families to become homeowners.

H.R. 861 would effectively eliminate funding for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP). Rep. Sanchez offered an amendment to the bill that would force Congress to acknowledge that NSP does, in fact help to rebuild neighborhoods where foreclosures are common.

“With the help of NSP, cities in my district have improved neighborhoods and provided families with homes,” said Sanchez. “In just one year, the Neighborhood Stabilization Program helped the City of Santa Ana to acquire and rehabilitate thirteen single family homes and twenty-seven condos, and sell them to first-time homebuyers. The city also acquired and renovated a multi-family complex and leased it to low-income families. It is my hope that my colleagues reconsider eliminating this successful program that benefits everyone.”

On Saturday, March 19, the Orange County Employees Association in Santa Ana will host a **Free Foreclosure Prevention Workshop**

to give Californians the opportunity to meet one-on-one with their lender and a HUD-Approved Housing Counselor. Representatives from Rep. Sanchez’s staff will be in attendance. For more information, please contact the Congresswoman’s Garden Grove office at 714-621-0102.

“Families in Orange County are losing their homes and it is imperative that, as their representative, I advocate on their behalf and fight for resources that help prevent or reverse the foreclosure process- whether that is legislation in Washington or constituent work in Orange

County.”